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### [Dayton Hamvention live streaming video coverage](#)

W5KUB provides live streaming coverage of the Dayton Hamvention along with live giveaways and special guests.

[W5KUB](#)

### [QSO Radio Show will broadcast live from the Dayton Hamvention](#)

The QSO Radio Show will be broadcasting live from their booth at Dayton. Tune in on shortwave radio (9.475MHz and 12.105MHz) starting at 10am Saturday.

[QRZ](#)

### [Alpha Amplifiers and TEN-TEC to merge](#)

The two 40 year old companies announced plans to merge under the RF Concepts brand.

[ARRL](#)

### [RFinder repeater directory app has a social twist](#)

The latest version of the RFinder Worldwide Repeater Directory app for Android adds a social component allowing users to "check-in" to a repeater so other RFinder users can see who's monitoring.

[RFinder](#)

### [U.S. House expresses support for MARS program](#)

The US House Armed Services Committee has expressed its continued support for the Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) program.

[ARRL](#)

### [Project aims to create HD panoramic view of space](#)

By strapping 24 HD cameras to a weather balloon, University of Surrey's Surrey Space Centre hopes to apply the footage to an Oculus Rift for a realistic 3D virtual environment experience.

[AMSAT-UK](#)

### [FUNCube-2 and FUNCube-3 set to launch next month](#)

These two satellites will both feature AX25 beacons and SSB/CW transponders.

[funcube.org](#)

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## **Shackbox: A Linux distro designed specifically for ham radio operators**

Based on Ubuntu, Shackbox features more than 150 apps preinstalled for amateur radio use including SDR & GNURadio support out of the box.

[Shackbox](#)

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## **How to**

### **New ham license study resource from ARRL**

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has launched a new site that gives future and existing hams resources to study and take practice tests for all three amateur radio licenses.

[ARRL](#)

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## **Video**

### **Working an aeronautical mobile station on 2 meters**

KD8RTT works an aeronautical mobile station on 146.52 MHz.

[KD8RTT](#)

### **Profile: Venice High School Amateur Radio Club**

Observer Media Group put together a nice video piece showcasing how the Venice High School Amateur Radio Club helps students.

[Observer Media Group](#)

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## **Review**

### **Folding Antenna's Hexbeam**

G7KSE has an excellent write-up describing the build process of Folding Antenna's hexbeam antenna

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## **And finally...**

### **Do solar winds spark an increase in lightening strikes?**

Scientists have found that when gusts of high-speed solar particles enter our atmosphere, the number of lightning bolts increases.

[BBC](#)

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